



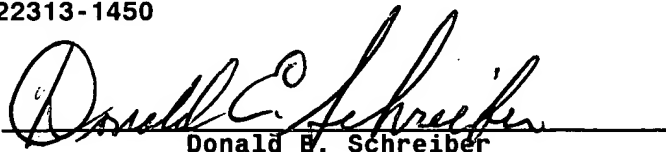
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This communication is submitted in response to an Office Action dated July 16, 2003.

Appl. No. 09/429,174

Response Dated October 14, 2003

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AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this Response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 10 of this Response.

Amendments to the Abstract of the Disclosure begin on page 17 of this Response.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 18 of this Response and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this Response.



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Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established for this application by a previously submitted verified statement.

Applicants believe that no additional fee is required for filing the amendment set forth in the accompanying response.

It appears that this response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2003, is being timely filed. However, if this response is deemed not to be timely filed, then pursuant to the relevant provision of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, the Applicants hereby conditionally petition for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely.

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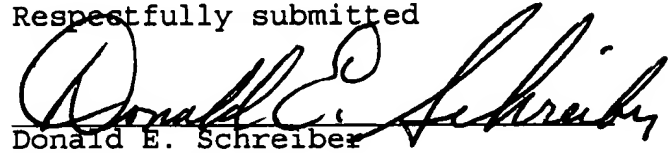
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If any additional fee is due, the Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any surplus in the enclosed fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0735. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted



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